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1. The University of Jena includes the following faculties and professors, with their political affiliations:

a. Direction

Rector: Professor Zucker, non-political (SED), bourgeois  
 Pro-Rector: Harms, non-political (SED), bourgeois  
 Professor in Ordinary: Blomeyer, non-political (anti-SED), bourgeois

Tutor: Winkle (SED-KPD)

Curator: Bluhm (SED-KPD), an SED leader

b. Theological Faculty

Dean: Heussi, non-political, bourgeois  
 G8dde (CDU)

Students (40): "Reactionary" CDU, 1 SED

c. Law Faculty (283 hours)

Dean: Lange, bourgeois, former chairman of the advisory Landtag, openly against SED, critic of school and land reform

Professors: Blomeyer, non-political (anti-SED), bourgeois, strongly for independent university administration  
 Draht, assists in economy and social questions (SED-SPD, a reliable SPD member)

Students: politically active; LDP and CDU very strong; clearly anti-SED

d. Medical Faculty (900 hours)

Dean: von Skramlik, ambitious (SED)

Professors: Döderlein (anti-SED)

Winkle, SED (KPD) functionary for professors, Russian liaison man

Karstens, upper physician (SED-SPD)

Lindig, physician (SED-SPD)

Kleinsorge, physician, anti-SED (CDU)

Students: Small SED group; remainder strong LDP

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- e. Philosophic Faculty (500 hours)  
 Dean: Leisegang, middle-class reactionary, open critic of Marxism  
 Professors: Wesle (sympathizes with SPD against SED)  
               Bense, existentialist, bourgeois, helps against SED  
               Kirchner, full SED member (SPD)  
               Stolte, full SED member (SPD)  
 Students: Strongly penetrated by SED
- f. Natural Science Faculty (250 hours)  
 Dean: Harms (also Pro-Rector)  
 Students: Non-political
- g. Social Education Faculty (400 hours)  
 Dean: Petersen (SED, coming from SPD, reliable)  
 Professors: SED  
 Students: SED (strongest SED group, with fanatical impulses)
- h. Popular Economy Faculty (200 hours)  
 Professors: Pausen (SED-SPD, but SED oriented)  
               Sarow (SED-SPD, but SED)  
               Huppert (LDP, bourgeois)  
 Students: Strongly SED, but a large percentage SPD without interest

The remaining professors are not politically attached, although secretly against SED.

2. Within the university, a number of student and faculty groups of political nature, both legal and illegal exists. Legal groups include LDP and CDU informal organizations, strongly influenced by SED, and an SED professional (Betriebs) group. This latter has a membership of 800, over fifty percent nominal and a fourth SPD who belong only in default of a real SPD group. Only about 80 of the members are politically active, and this mostly with registration forms and information service. The SED group controls the theoretically independent FDJ but not the FDGB group, which was formed by SPD adherents to counteract SED. SPD also has an illegal group of about twenty students, and CDU maintains connections with students through Peter Scholz, a member of the CDU Zone Executive Committee in Jena. An illegal group of KPD students and faculty members includes some SED officials and personnel trained in Russia.
3. A special plan was initiated at the University of Jena to change the political composition of the student group. Nineteen percent of the students are classified as worker-students (Arbeiterstudenten), enrolled without fulfilling the abitur requirements. The plan was not particularly successful, since in the student council elections of February 1947 seven LDP, four CDU, and two non-party candidates were chosen and only six SED, of whom three were KPD and one SED originally. When student chairman Brendel was forced out in June 1947 for LDP-SPD sympathies, he was succeeded by another LDP adherent, Reichenbach, in spite of SED opposition.
4. For additional control of student group composition, enrollment was limited to worker-students with abiturs, and SED preparatory schools were encouraged to expand. The university, however, in order to avoid receiving students with one-sided political training, attempted to influence the preparatory schools towards a broader basic education. The SED countered by placing preparatory schools in Erfurt, Eisenach, and Gera as well as Jena, where they would be further removed from university domination. As a result, the university fears for the integrity of its teaching, since the SED ideology regards its own dogmatic treatment of all problems as the highest aim of education and science. With the entire weight of the government on the SED and preparatory school side, the university efforts are at best ineffectual.
5. Under former Minister of Culture Wolf, the ministry directly controlled all questions of higher education. After his replacement by Frau Maria Turhorst, a sharp combat arose between the ministry and the university over the problem of autonomous administration, but Frau Turhorst appears to prefer delaying tactics to Wolf's more insistent and impetuous approach. Liaison is maintained with the SED Land Executive Committee through Fritz Heymann, who conveys special directives to Mrs. Turhorst.

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6. In addition, the university is influenced by Russian higher education officers at Weimar. These include Professor Pogotiryov, who approves teaching plans and confers frequently with university professors as well as maintaining direct connection with the SED professional group; Belinki, political officer of the Jena Kommandatura, who authorizes new formations and is in direct contact with the student SED group; and Staratunov, who is a specialist in "democratic" organizations. This latter participates in all political organizations, holds regular conferences with the SED group leaders.

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